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SUBJ: IMCO - NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

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1. AD HOC WOPKING GROUP ON HEADQUARTERS MET OCT. 16. MALOR ITEM OF CONSIDERATION WAS LETTER FROM UK TO SECGEN WHICH LOTED UK GOVERNMENT HAS NOW COME TO CONCLUSION THAT ALBERT EMBANKMENT SITE IS BEST AVAILABLE FOR NEW HEADQUARTERS. RESULTS OF PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH DEVELOPER ALSO PROVIDED. SINCE UK DECISION EXACTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DECISION JUNE 1975, WG ACCEPTED IT AND WILL REPORT SUCH TO COUNCIL AND NOTE THAT DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS WITH DEVELOPER WILL NOW PROCEED. PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE BY DEVELOPER IN KEEPING WITH 12 POUND PER SQUARE FOOT ESTIMATE INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS WG REPORT TO COUNCIL. COPY OF UK LETTER AND PROPERTY SERVICES AGENCY APPRAISAL BEING POUCHED TO IO/TRC GRIP FMR INFO.

2. OTHER ITEM REVIEWED BY WG AT SECGEN'S REQUEST WAS COSTS IMCO WILL ENCOUNTER DURING NEXT BIENNIUM (76/77) IN PROCEEDING WITH BUILDING PROJECT. THESE ESTIMATED BY UK AND SECEEN AS FOLLOWS: PSA 1975, \$62,000 (TO BE PAID IN 76); PSA 1976, \$125,000; PSA 1977, \$83,000. IN ADDITION, IMCO PROJECT MANAGER ESTIMATED COST 1976 - UNCLASSIFIED

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\$45,000 AND 1977 - \$50,000. TOTAL FOR BIENNIUM \$365,000.

COUNCIL, OF COURSE, AT LAST SESSION HAD AGREED TO PAYMENT TO PSA FMR SERVICES AND TO PROPOSAL TO HIRE PROJECT MANAGER BUT HAD NOT APPROPRIATED FUNDS.

3. WG AGREED TO INCLUDE IN ITS REPORT TO COUNCIL COST FIGURES NOTED ABOVE WITH NOTE THAT COUNCIL MUST MAKE SOME PROVISION FOR THEIR PAYMENT. SEC GEN SUGGESTED THEY BE ADDED TO BIENNIUM BUDGET UNDER SECTION V.

4. COMMENT: WG, UK AND SEC GEN ALL PLEASED WITH SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF SITE ISSUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S DECISION. WHILE 4 OR 5 YEARS HARD WORK AND DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS ON TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF BUILDING REMAIN BEFORE IMCO CAN MOVE INTO NEW HEADQUARTERS, MAJOR POLICY ISSUES NOW SEEM TO BE RESOLVED IN LINE WITH U.S. PREFERENCES.

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